REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects Group I, on which claims 1[1], 2-4, 22, 24-26, 40-41, 43-44, and 57 read, without traverse for continued prosecution. Non-elected claims are currently withdrawn; however, cancellation of non-elected claims is deferred at this time.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 11345/110001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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[1] Although the Examiner did not include claim 1 as part of the listing of claims that read on Group I, Applicant assumes that claim 1 is included in Group I, as the Examiner indicates that claim 1 is a linking claim and it is not included within any of the other groups of distinct inventions indicated by the Examiner.